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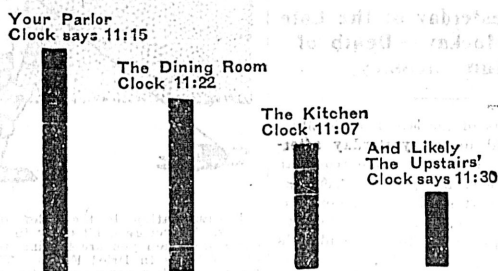
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FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

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Provincial Legislature

Premier Replies to Criticisms Against Dyking Assessment Act.

Public Question Entitled to Unprejudiced Consideration of Legislature.

The Coal Mines Regulation Act and Supreme Court Bill in Committee.

Thursday, March 23.
THE House assembled at 2 o'clock, and after the customary exercises, the following was the order of business:

Petitions.

A number of petitions presented on the previous day asking for amendments to the Dyking Act were received.

In Committee.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite's reconstructed bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act was taken up in committee of the whole, Mr. Evans in the chair. The measure is designed to render effective the legislation of last session limiting the employment of persons underground to eight hours a day. The bill, as first introduced by the member for Nanaimo, provided certain specific penalties for infraction of the eight-hour law by workmen or employer. The reconstructed bill simply provides, or seeks to provide, that the penalty attached to the general act shall apply, as to which, according to the preamble of the act, "doubts have been expressed."

The bill was reported complete with amendments calculated to make its purpose less susceptible to misconception, following discussion by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. McInnes and others.

The bill to amend the Supreme Court Act, providing that security for costs on appeal shall not exceed \$200, was again committed, Mr. Hall in the chair.

A present question of such security is in the discretion of the judge, and the attorney-general recorded an opinion that it should so remain.

Mr. Bowser took a similar view, observing that in Ontario the amount required for security on appeal was \$500, or rather \$400, as he took from a correction of the leader of the opposition. Generally he disapproved of the proposal to limit the security as provided in the bill. He moved that the committee rise, in other words, asked for an expression of opinion from the House on the proposition that the measure should be thrown out.

Mr. Brown argued that it was better that the amount which litigants must pay, as initial costs of appeal, should be fixed in the law, so that they would know just what security they must give in order to have their cases heard in the higher court.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald supported the bill on the ground that it was in the interests of justice. In Ontario, he said, a first appeal was provided for free of cost.

Mr. Bowser's motion was put, and lost on a show of hands, 13 to 15.

Mr. McInnes proposed to increase the deposit to \$500. He contended that this was the amount required on appeal to the Supreme court of Canada, and that the expense of an appeal to the Supreme court of British Columbia was just as high.

Mr. Macdonald disputed this and opposed the amendment.

The motion was put and carried on a show of hands, but no vote being taken on the ground that the bill had not been rung, it was defeated.

The bill was reported complete with amendment.

Second Readings.

The bill to amend the Dentistry Consolidation Act passed second reading, on motion of Mr. Bowser. It authorizes the Dental Society to collect an annual fee of five dollars to meet certain expenses connected with the functions of that organization.

The Workmen's Compensation Act passed second reading; also an act to amend the British Columbia Railway Act.

The bill to amend the Coal Tax Act passed the committee stage; also the bill to amend the Horticultural Board Act.

Dyking Act.

Mr. McBride continued the debate on the Dyking Act. He resented the situation of critics that in framing the Dyking Act the government was in league with land speculators. Such was not the case. He made reference to opinions formally recorded by the people of Surrey and Ladner, which were capable of interpretation as an argument that districts benefited should pay for the dyking works. Insincerity, he argued, was manifest in the stand taken with respect to the bill by the members for Chilliwack and Delta. In one breath these gentlemen have been made in the bill in favor of certain settlers of the poorer class was impracticable. To devise any measure which would meet all the diversity of claims, in this respect which would naturally arise, would be an impossible task, and this was well known to members opposite who sought, on such a hypothesis, to attach the government with reproach. In the Fraser valley during the past seven years about six million dollars had been expended in public works, and this was a matter properly entitled to consideration in the discussion of its obligations to the country.

Close scrutiny of the assertion that land speculators were specially favored by the bill, was not favorable to that contention. The land speculators contemplated in this statement were far from being speculators in the sense conveyed. They were men who in days gone by had manifested their faith in the country by investing largely in the lands of the Fraser valley, and who, through long, profitless years, had maintained their holdings and paid the taxes thereon. Some of them had lost thousands of dollars through their investments, and others had expended heavily for very little return. In this

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TURBINE STEAMER VICTORIAN.

Allan Line's New Packet Gets Great Send-off at Liverpool.

Liverpool, March 23.—The Allan line turbine steamer Victorian was hidden an enthusiastic farewell when she started on her maiden voyage to Montreal today. Great numbers of people cheered her. The Victorian carries about 1500 passengers, including a number of engineering experts.

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

Elaborate Plans Maturing in Russia for a New Departure.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—One of the best signs of the times is announced today, that in a fortnight the ministry of public instruction will undertake the elaboration of a plan for a compulsory system of primary education. Representatives of the schools in the principal cities are invited to participate in the drawing up of the plan.

FRENCH MEET GREEKS.

Outbreak Took Place Recently Between Soldiers and Marines.

Marseilles, March 23.—The Messenger's Maritime steamer Yangtze, which arrived here today, reports that when she touched at Candia, Island of Crete, recently a serious outbreak occurred between 15 French soldiers and twenty Greek marines, the fight lasting an hour and six Greeks and two Frenchmen being killed. An investigation is in progress, but no political significance is attached to the affair.

Linevitch Meets Staff

New Russian Commander in Chief Received His Subordinates.

Persistent Reports of a Japanese Turning Movement Still Continue.

Two Hundred Thousand Reinforcements Needed to Meet Japanese.

UNSHUT PASS, March 23.—Gen. Linevitch, the new commander-in-chief of the army, today received the members of his staff. Reports persist of Japanese turning movements on both flanks of the Russian army. Chinese state that the Japanese have recruited many Chinese bandits, and probably they are now able to count a superiority in cavalry as well as in infantry.

The branch of the Russo-Chinese bank has removed to Harbin, after an attack

A NEW NIAGARA BRIDGE.

Company Incorporated for Structure Across the Falls.

Albany, N. Y., March 23.—The Niagara Frontier Bridge Co. is incorporated by a bill introduced in the assembly today to construct a bridge across the Niagara river between Niagara Falls and Lewiston for electric and steam cars, vehicles and pedestrians.

TRIBUTE TO JOURNALISM.

Russian Finance Minister Seeks "Thunderer's" Good Opinion.

London, March 23.—Referring to statements that have appeared in the London Times reflecting on Russia's financial position, Mr. Kokovoff, the Russian finance minister, yesterday telegraphed to the editor of the Times suggesting that he come to St. Petersburg with experts and they could personally inspect and verify the gold reserves in the Russian state bank.

PEARY'S NEW SHIP LAUNCHED.

"Roosevelt" Designed to Stand Strenuous Life in the Arctic.

Bucksport, Maine, March 23.—Commander Robert E. Peary's Arctic exploration ship was launched here today. She was christened the Roosevelt by Mrs. Peary. The Peary Arctic Club of New York furnished the funds for her construction. She was designed by Naval Architect W. E. Wineart of New York and is considered the most powerful and best equipped craft for combating the Arctic ice ever built.

Condemns Autonomy Act

Mr. Sproule Reads Opinion of Christopher Robinson on Bills.

Contention of Celebrated Lawyer Causes Surprise in the House.

Shipbuilders Ask Government For Bounty of Six Dollars Per Ton.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, March 23.—In the House today Mr. Sloan was informed by Hon. Mr. Emmerson that the government had received word of any information that the G. T. P. had completed any surveys for its line in British Columbia. It was the government's intention to urge the early construction of the line in this section.

Mr. Sproule, a powerful speech this afternoon on the autonomy bill. He was strongly opposed to the educational clause. He read an opinion by Christopher Robinson, K. C., which he specially procured, in which the learned counsel laid it down that "the right of the Dominion parliament to impose restrictions on the provinces about to be formed in dealing with the subject of education and separate schools, is not beyond question. I am of opinion that section 93, B. N. A. act, does not apply to the provinces now about to be established. Its provisions would appear to be intended for, and confined to, the then provinces and to the union formed in 1867. There is not in any part of the Northwest Territories a province right or privilege with respect to denominational school possessed by any class of person, created by the province, or existing at such union and a right subsequently established by the Dominion in the part now about to be made a province, does not appear to me to come within the enactment."

An Eye-opener to House.

This clear-cut opinion against Premier Laurier's contention astonished the House.

After Hon. Mr. Paterson had spoken, Mr. Monk scored Hon. Mr. Fielding for his flippant acceptance of the amendment to the autonomy bill and smashed Mr. Paterson's argument that the federal parliament could impose whatever conditions it desired on any province, present or prospective. Quebec had 25,000,000 acres of land of its own which it wanted to be settled. Why, he asked, ignore that province, while booming lands in the Northwest. Passing on, Mr. Monk read extract upon extract to show that in Canada, as in the United States, a school system was adopted that lacked religious instruction to the detriment of the youth of the land. He appealed to the House to give the Catholic minority in the new provinces power to educate their own children in their own way without paying a double tax as was imposed across the border, where liberty was supposed to reign supreme.

A number of shipbuilding representatives saw the government today and asked for a bounty of six dollars per gross ton on Canadian built boats for ten years.

It is stated tonight that Hon. Mr. Sifton has swallowed the government's amendment to the school clause and will speak in support thereof tomorrow.

THE SEARCH THAT FAILED.

Sale of Earl Fitzwilliam's Cocos Island Treasure-hunting Ship.

Lima, Peru, March 23.—The Peruvian transport Chalaco proceeded to Panama yesterday taking the officers and crew of the British yacht Veronique, which was engaged in the treasure seeking expedition to Cocos Island, headed by Earl Fitzwilliam, which resulted in disappointment. The Veronique has been purchased by Peru for \$150,000, and will be used as a coastguard vessel.

JAPANESE NEED MORE MONEY.

Negotiations for \$150,000,000 Proceeding in London.

London, March 23.—Negotiations for a large Japanese loan are proceeding, but are still uncompleted. The principals concerned decline to furnish details until the full terms are settled upon. The amount of the loan is variously estimated up to \$150,000,000. As a special security, the revenue of the tobacco monopoly, amounting to \$15,000,000, is suggested. It is understood that the loan is largely Anglo-American, with minor participation on the part of continental houses.

FLOODS AT EASTERN CITIES.

Pomeroy, Ohio, March 23.—The high water has caused a practical suspension of railroad and street car service here. The water has entered buildings along the river front and some merchants will be forced to move out. The river is rising two inches an hour.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—The rivers are falling rapidly and thousands of men employed in the mills and factories, which were partially submerged and forced to shut down, returned to work today. The telegraph and telephone service, of which the telegraph and railroad traffic has been resumed to all points.

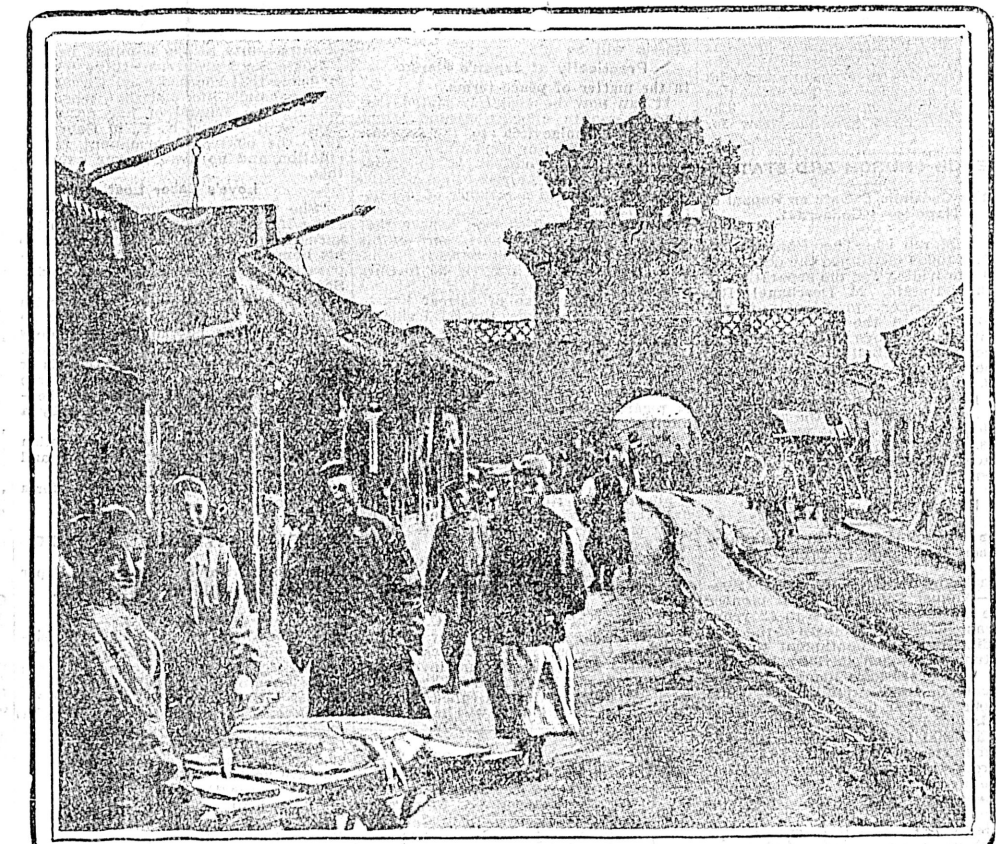
PEACE IS NOW PROBABLE.

Advocates of Pacific Overtures in Russia Gain Confidence.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The ministers and supporters of the court who advocate the submission of pacific proposals to Japan, as previously set forth in these despatches, so as to ascertain whether an honorable basis for peace is possible, believe they have carried the day, and the Associated Press hears on high authority that an actual step is imminent, if not already taken.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The sudden growth of the sentiment in Russian official circles in favor of peace is not at all surprising to the officials here, because it is in line with the predictions of the American embassy at St. Petersburg when last heard from on this subject.

In fact it was gathered that the real obstacle in the way of the beginning of negotiations to this end was found rather in the jealousies of European powers outside of Russia than in the czar's own court. It is believed now, however, that the great financial interests of London, Berlin and Paris, looking to their own commercial and industrial expansion, have risen above national lines, and that to their exertion of their powerful influence is due the present promise of peace in the near future.



PEASANTS MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD

The Troops Fire Into Crowd of Polish Peasants and Fifty Fall.

Warsaw, March 23.—The shooting of peasants at Lamenta has aroused intense excitement in the whole district. The action of the authorities in shooting down unarmed peasants is angrily criticized, and a deputation of residents of Kutnow is proceeding toward Warsaw to lay complaints before the governor-general.

The trouble began a week ago, when the mobilization of horses was ordered. The peasants refused to comply and on March 21 about 150 peasants gathered on the road near Lamenta, when the chief of police of Kutnow arrived on the scene with a company of infantry and ordered the crowd to disperse. The people refused to obey and the chief of police ordered the soldiers to fire. The peasants, not understanding Russian, remained in the road until the soldiers aimed; they then broke and ran.

Troops Fired Three Volleys at the fleeing crowd and fifty peasants fell, two of them dead. All the wounded were shot in the back. It is said that the chief of police refused to allow the wounded to be removed, and that he finally ordered them to be taken to Kutnow, six hours' journey. In peasants' carts, with the result that, owing to lack of medical attendance, eight of the wounded died on the way and the doctors report that nine others are in a hopeless condition.

Fearing a demonstration at the funeral of the victims, the chief of police ordered the priests to bury them during the night. This the priests refused to do, and the funerals occurred today in the cemetery at Kutnow. The services were attended by an immense concourse of people, and the coffins were hidden beneath masses of wreaths and flowers.

BANISH MAL DE MER.

Big Steamship Line Experimenting With Long-sought Invention.

Perlin, March 23.—The Hamburg-American line is fitting out the steamer Vulcan at its works at Stettin with an invention of Otto Shick, an engineer of Hamburg, which it is expected will reduce the rolling of vessels at sea to a minimum. It consists of a massive balance wheel mounted in such a manner as to counteract the shifting of the center of gravity of the ship. The invention has only been tested in connection with models, but the steamship officials are so convinced of its utility that they are advancing money and loaning a vessel for a trial which will take place in July. Naval engineers regard the invention as likely to be one of the greatest uses to warships in addition to the stability of the gun platforms.

NEW YORK POOL SELLER'S HAPPY IDEA

Hire Steamboat and Carry on Business Outside Three Mile Limit.

New York, March 23.—If the persons who have chartered the Mount Desert to use her as a floating gambling resort outside the state's jurisdiction as has been reported, they will meet with no opposition from the authorities. This statement was made today by Capt. Seeley of the federal steamboat inspection service. He said that the Mount Desert had fulfilled the requirements of the law in every way and that was no affair of theirs as to what purpose she was used for under the circumstances.

It is said to be the intention of those who have chartered the Mount Desert to take on board persons desirous of watering money on horse races, run out side the three-mile limit to which the courts' jurisdiction extends and sell pools on the races at Washington, New Orleans and other tracks. It is said that the results from the tracks will be communicated to the steamboat by wireless telegraph. The Mount Desert is owned by the Eastern Steamship Co. of Portland, Maine.

Tickets for today's cruise were put on sale at the Battery during the forenoon. The sale was public and the ticket agent frequently announced to the crowd which stood around that no gambling will be permitted, as the boat will be run as a straight pool room. He said that all slotroom doors will be kept open, and that no games of chance of any sort would be permitted. The police captain commanding the harbor squad said today that he could guarantee only there would be no violation of the law inside the three mile limit.

RUSSIA'S DOMESTIC LOAN.

Preliminary Contract Signed With Local Bankers for \$75,000,000.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—A preliminary contract was signed today with a number of Russian banks for the issue of \$75,000,000 of the proposed internal loan of \$100,000,000. The bonds bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, and are redeemable in fifty years. The issue price is 95.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—(1:50 a. m.)—The successful conclusion of the internal loan of \$100,000,000 at the emission price of 95, comes as a gleam of sunshine in an otherwise clouded situation. Of this amount the government savings bank takes one-fourth and private banks and an underwriting syndicate the remainder.

CONNAUGHT'S VISIT TO MADRID.

His Royal Highness Reaches Capital as Guest of King Alfonso.

Madrid, March 23.—Field Marshal the Duke of Connaught arrived here today to visit King Alfonso. The King, with all his ministers, the civil and military authorities and the diplomatic corps welcomed the duke on his arrival at the railroad station.

TENEMENT HOUSE HOLOCAUST.

Commission Censures Owners and Lessee of New York Structure.

New York, March 23.—The tenement house commission is censured, Mrs. Celia C. Leiner, the lessee of the house, is declared guilty of gross negligence, and the tenement house law is found to have been violated. The verdict of a coroner's jury today which completed an investigation of the Allen street tenement fire, in which twenty lives were lost about a week ago.

The jury reports that it was unable to ascertain the cause of the fire. Immediately after the verdict was reached, the coroner ordered the arrest of Mrs. Leiner, and also caused the detention of Mrs. Belzinsky, the janitress of the house, as a witness. The charge of negligence against Mrs. Leiner was based upon the allegation that the trap door leading to the roof of the building was kept locked. The tenement house commission is censured for not properly inspecting the conditions of the premises and for permitting the door to the roof to remain fastened.

After the fire was extinguished, a heap of bodies was found on the floor beneath the firmly fastened skylight, where they had fallen and died after vainly attempting to escape to the roof.

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RUSSIANS PURSUED BY RELENTLESS JAPS

The Japs' rear attacks are said to be conducted in a masterly fashion. The courage, enthusiasm and determination recalls the time when our own little island expected a renewal of hostilities with the Russians, and the well known words were sung:

"We don't want to fight;
By Jingo if we do;
We've got the men, we've got the ships,
We've got the money, too.
We've fought the Bear before,
And we'll fight the Bear again;
The Russians shall not get into
Constantinople."

We add another verse, equally enthusiastic, and equally to the point, which shows we have courage of our own convictions:

"We don't want to paint;
By Jingo if we do;
Your house or barn for fifty cents,
In colors green or blue;
But we'll grain your door for four,
Or paint your roof for ten,
You can't get better painters than
THE MCKEON CO.'S MEN."

News Notes Of The Dominion

Premier of Quebec Completes His New Cabinet Without Archambault.

Suicide of a Toronto Insurance Man—Highwaymen Get Away.

Quebec, March 23.—Hon. Lomer Gouin completed his cabinet this morning, all of whom were sworn in with the exception of Hon. A. Tessier, the new minister of agriculture, who is Speaker of the legislative assembly, and cannot resign that position until the House meets this afternoon. The cabinet is as follows: Lomer Gouin, premier and attorney-general; A. Turgeon, minister of crown lands; A. Tessier, minister of agriculture; J. C. McCorkill, provincial treasurer; H. L. Roy, provincial secretary; Jules Allard, minister of public works; W. A. Weir, minister without portfolio. By-elections will be held on April 19. The appointment of Mr. Allard as minister of public works came as a surprise, as he was already in the cabinet was due to the refusal of Hon. Horace Archambault to accept the attorney-generalship unless he was allowed to retain the Speakership of the legislative council, which was refused to do by the government. Mr. Gouin refused to consent to this arrangement, which forced Mr. Archambault out.

Insurance Agent's Suicide.
Toronto, March 23.—George Grier, insurance agent, about 60 years old, was found dead in bed in his room on Darcy street yesterday with the gas turned on and all vents in the room stuffed up. It was a case of suicide.

The Whitney government held its first caucus this morning and elected Dr. R. F. Preston, member for North Lanark as chief whip and A. A. Mahaffy, member for Muskoka, its assistant whip.

A case of cerebro-spinal meningitis followed an attack of pleuro-pneumonia is reported in the Western town according to provincial board of health advices.

Highwaymen Escape.
Winnipeg, March 23.—Two desperate highwaymen, Rogers and Horton, who held up, assaulted and robbed three Pinks Saturday night, escaped jail at Port Frances this morning by twisting the bars of their cell with a piece of their iron bed. They started east on a railway velocipede and the police met after them on a similar conveyance, armed with Winchester, determined to hunt them down.

Seeding in Northwest.
Rosthern, Sask., March 23.—Spring has opened. Flocks of geese have passed in the last few days and seeding has commenced in many parts of the district, and will be general within a week or so. The land is in good condition. Settlers are arriving daily.

Birtle, Man., March 23.—Patterson Bros, large farmers, commenced seeding today. Showery all day; heavy rain last night.

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Situation in Manchuria

St. Petersburg Startled at Prospect of Amur Provinces Being Abandoned.

Progress of Pacific Ideas Due to Emperor's New Light on Affairs.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—(12:45 a. m.)—The possibility that if the Russian army should be unable to hold the lower line of the Sungari river at Chunchiat-su it may be compelled to retreat not only to Harbin, but also further westward along the railroad, abandoning to the Japanese northern Manchuria and the Russian maritime Amur provinces, has been the latest startling news from the front.

The strategic weakness of Gen. Linévitch's position, as he falls back toward Harbin, is made clear by a Gushui despatch to the Associated Press, in which it is pointed out that unless Chunchiat-su and the Sungari lines, a scant hundred miles below Harbin, can be held, it will be difficult to maintain a position farther back than Harbin, where, with the railroad, the practicability of a turning movement to completely sever communication and isolate the army, 6,000 miles from home, is too serious for Russian consideration. In view of this possibility, the despatch alluded to suggests the advisability of immediately providing Vladivostok with war munitions and supplies for a two years' siege. The correspondent estimates the number of reinforcements needed to give Gen. Linévitch the requisite superiority in force at 200,000. That such a despatch should have been permitted to pass the censor at the present is significant, and if Gen. Linévitch has communicated a similar estimate of the situation to Emperor Nicholas, it may account for His Majesty's increased disposition to listen to peace councils and open negotiations before the Japanese establish themselves on Russian soil.

The situation, although at present quiet, is very critical. The Belgian minister here has filed a strong protest against delay in the settlement of his government's financial claims and a demand for prompt action by San Domingo in the matter. The minister will leave here tomorrow for Havana.

FRENCH CHURCH AND STATE.

Paris, March 23.—The Chamber of Deputies today continued the debate on the bill providing for the separation of church and state. M. Deschanel (Republican, former president of the house), declared the debate was the most important since the revolution, as it was one of the members of the fifth regime which had existed for five centuries. The interference of religion with politics had become intolerable, while the interference of the state with questions of conscience was equally intolerable. The bill, he said, was already in place upon a square and independent basis.

INRUSH OF SETTLERS.

Scores Arriving Daily in Spaulding to Engage in Orchard.

Armstrong, B. C., March 23.—(Special.)—August Schubert, sr., a pioneer of the Okanagan valley, who 42 years ago was one of the members of the first Canadian overland contingent to seek a fortune in Golden Cariboo, has disposed of his 480-acre homestead to a syndicate of local capitalists. While the consideration is not given out, it is understood to be a large sum, sufficient at least to allow this sturdy Argonaut to spend the balance of his days free from worry and the cares essential to the management of a large farm.

New owners have divided the land up into 10-acre plots and have already disposed of a number to recent arrivals from Manitoba and the Territories, who will engage in fruit raising. The property is situated about a mile and a half from town, is well watered and has an extremely fertile soil.

Adjoining the Schubert homestead is the farm of H. Swanson, consisting of 320 acres. Mr. Swanson is another pioneer, having lived in the valley for the past quarter of a century, and like his neighbor, has sold out at a big figure.

The purchaser was P. C. Wolfenden, manager of the Okanagan flour mill, and he is now having the land surveyed into 10 and 20-acre plots and placed on the market.

The demand for small acreage property in the immediate vicinity of Spaulding has during the past few months been remarkable, over 200 settlers having come in, and daily the train brings in scores looking over the country with a view to settling. Most of the new arrivals are men of means and experts in farming, looking for a more equable climate than they have heretofore enjoyed, and as the Okanagan valley has not only fertile soils, ample water, but almost perpetual sunshine, their wants are speedily satisfied in this section.

ROJESTVENSKY'S SQUADRON.

Movements of Second Pacific Fleet Are Unknown.

London, March 24.—No further news has been received here throwing light on the movements of the Russian second Pacific squadron. The report from Port Louis that the Russian torpedo boat preceding a squadron of warships had been sighted by a vessel arriving there from Colombo, Ceylon, is too vague to afford basis for judgment, but if the fleet seen was Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's, they must be already within some 500 miles of Colombo and hence must have left Nossi Be much earlier than has been supposed.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Aden reports that two German steamers left Harbin at midnight of March 23 with provisions for the Russian squadron.

Monkey Island dock cleans kitchen, utensils, steel and iron, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

PLAGUE RAVAGES INDIA.

Scientific Investigation to Be Made of Fearful Loss of Life.

London, March 23.—Replying to questions in the House of Commons tonight, Mr. Brody, secretary of state for India, said the latest figures on the plague in India showed that for the four weeks ending Feb. 18 in the Bombay Presidency there were 13,475 deaths and for the four weeks ending March 11 in the rest of India there were 12,530 deaths. The total number of deaths from the plague in the Bombay Presidency from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28 were 28,271, and in the rest of India from Jan. 1 to March 11, 318,178.

Mr. Brody said he had communicated to a remedy for this deplorable loss of life and that it had been decided to send out a scientific expedition to investigate the cause. The expedition will start immediately.

FATHER JOHN IS WARNED.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The revolutionary committee has warned Father John of Cronstadt to cease his anti-revolutionary propaganda either by sermons or by writings. The military governor of Cronstadt has taken measures for Father John's protection.

BULLYING THE TURK.

Germany Adopts Strenuous Business Methods at Constantinople.

Paris, March 23.—The Temps this afternoon printed a despatch from Constantinople announcing that the German ambassador has presented a note to the Porte, which is said to be a veto upon Turkey placing eventual orders for arms in France, with menaces of serious consequences if the note is disregarded. The Ottoman cabinet, it is added, is seriously embarrassed and indignant at the dictatorial conditions of Germany. The French ambassador continues the negotiations for the purpose of securing a large arms order for France.

London, March 23.—The correspondent at Constantinople of the Daily Telegraph says: "The council of ministers is deliberating on the German note vetoing, with threats, the purchase of war material. The greatest indignation is expressed at Germany's high-handed action."

NO DIVORCE FOR BUFFALO BILL.

Trial Judge Roundly Scores the Picturesque William.

Sheridan, Wyo., March 23.—Colonel William Cody (Buffalo Bill) today lost his suit for divorce from Louisa Cody, Judge Scott, of the District court, deciding that the charges of attempts on the part of Mrs. Cody to poison her husband, and other allegations, had not been proven. Judge Scott asserted that the testimony showed that Mrs. Cody had always been a good mother and a fond and indulgent wife. In his opinion Judge Scott said: "The first cause of action in this case is the charge of poisoning on December 16. The evidence wholly fails to support this issue, but shows the defendant was trying to rescue the plaintiff from a state of intoxication and administered, not poison, but remedies which she deemed beneficial to him. His inability to speak on this occasion did not come from these remedies, but came from his extensive use of intoxicants at the banquet board."

Large Scott also found there was no evidence that she had even threatened her husband's life, and that when attending the funeral of her daughter, Arta, at Rochester, N. Y., in February, 1904, she offered a permanent reconciliation and no answer ever came to this.

Love's Labor Lost.

"She was an over-indulgent mother and wife who always took pride in his success and always looked forward to his home-coming and made great preparations to receive him," said Judge Scott.

"She entertained his guests with cordiality. She did not use profane language. The poisoning of his dogs was purely accidental. She never spoke disrespectfully of him to her friends or guests. In her home she has a large statue of him in the hall, in her bedroom she has his portrait done by a famous painter."

"In return for this wifely devotion the plaintiff has been cruel to her and has endeavored to ruin her."

Colonel Cody's attorneys moved for a new trial.

RUSSIA'S REVERSES REVIEWED.

Correspondent of St. Petersburg Paper Criticizes Military Authorities.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—(12:15 a. m.) The Novoye Vremya today will publish a remarkable despatch from a correspondent in the field, who, with the bitter taste of defeat still on his palate, discusses the causes of the Russian reverses. In her he says the spirit with which Russia and Japan are conducting the war, and with sorrow and disheartenment arraigns the elements in Russia who are nourishing their propaganda on defeats in the Far East. "Scattered by the Russian press," he says, "according to the correspondent, 'broadcast among the heart-sick retreating soldiers' proclamations urging them to cease fighting and surrender."

The despatch continues: "Not even the enemy has sent such proclamations, but has confined himself to throwing into our lines telegrams from former agencies about disorders in Russia."

"Put yourself in the place of the soldiers and officers who, returning from Mukden heart-sore from want of success, have received from the distant home proclamations with advice to that tenor."

Setting aside the factors of a temporary nature, the correspondent enumerates four main causes for misfortune.

First—Failure to establish before the war an adequate intelligence department in Manchuria, or to make other preparations, contrasted with Japanese activity in that direction.

Second—Russia is dependent upon a single railway, while the Japanese have many bases, with the possibility of establishing new ones at any point on the coast.

Third—The deficiency of many officers whose mistakes of execution hinder to the most serious extent, and plans of the commander, or whose technical education has not kept pace with the artillery they are required to handle.

Fourth—That victory rests not with the army, but with the nation.

The correspondent pictures the patriotic devotion and love for victory of the Japanese, and continuing says: "On the other side is a nation where part of the people misunderstand the meaning of this war, or are even inclined to taking advantage of distressing times to attain more liberty."

The Need of Greater Liberty.

is undoubtedly, but it is not possible to press the campaign after the war?" "The country is entirely occupied with internal affairs and disorders, turning its attention to the army only as a last resort, and after an unsuccessful operation, and then only to pour a flood of discouragement or abuse or to send as a palliative to the retreating forces a heap of revolutionary propaganda."

Concluding the correspondent pleads for a few words of encouragement and acknowledgment that the 90,000 who fell around Mukden are a not unappreciated sacrifice, so that others in dying may save the Fatherland for which they fell.

Some Questions Of Privilege

Interpellations in the Legislature Not Billed on the Order Paper.

A Sidelight on the Ottawa Parliament—Ralph Smith's Bill.

In the Provincial House yesterday, Hon. Mr. Green read a telegram from Robert Kennedy of Westminster Junction, denying the statement made by Mr. Oliver in the course of his speech on the Dyking Act, that Mr. Green had said in Mr. Kennedy's presence that the dyking bill would be submitted to the people of the districts before it was introduced in the legislature.

In reply to this, Mr. Oliver said he adhered to the statement which he had made.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite called attention to the fact that Mr. Ralph Smith had introduced a bill in the federal house affecting the question of the province's right to tax the lands within the E. & N. railway belt. If the bill became law it would become a question whether or not the province could tax this land, which at present it was entirely within their power to do.

The Premier said he did not think the position of the province would be prejudiced by any such legislation, which would be clearly ultra vires. At the same time the government would be only too pleased to facilitate any steps looking to the protection of provincial interests.

The Speaker suggested that the matter was out of order, intimating that it should be placed on the order paper in the form of a question.

The Attorney-General remarked that he might inform the House that he had already taken such steps as seemed to him proper in the matter, having addressed a letter to the Minister of Justice inviting his attention thereto.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald asked the Attorney-General in what way he anticipated the bill would affect the interests of the province. As he gathered from a scrutiny of the bill it simply left the E. & N. Railway Co. with respect to the land the same rights, privileges and franchises after the sale to the C. P. R., which it enjoyed before. In other words any right of taxation the province had before the sale of the railway would continue to exist. It might be that by the same rights, privileges and franchises after the sale of the railway by the company, the company ought to lose any exemption from taxation which it had under its original Subsidy Act. As to this, of course, he did not know. He asked the Attorney-General whether the bill went any further than he had stated?

The Speaker suggested that the discussion was out of order and that the question should be asked in the customary way.

Mr. Macdonald said he would not have asked the question if the Attorney-General had not stated that he had looked into the matter.

The Attorney-General remarked that he did not say he had looked into the matter, but that he had taken such steps as seemed prudent in order to protect the interests of the province.

OIL INSTEAD OF CHAMPAGNE.

Crude Petroleum to Christen U. S. Battleship Kansas.

Topeka, Kansas, March 23.—The battleship Kansas will probably be christened by breaking a bottle of Kansas crude oil over its prow instead of a bottle of champagne. "This is the idea of Governor Hoch, who said today: 'The Kansas will not be christened with champagne. The Kansas will be christened with a bottle of oil—not Standard nor Independent oil, but just Kansas oil—crude oil.'"

AND THERE ARE OTHERS.

"My wife is very outspoken. She always says what she thinks."

"Mine does, too — and a whole lot more."—Dallas News.



What is the only portrait that Thomas A. Edison has ever sat for has just been completed by A. A. Anderson. It is said to be the best likeness of "The Wizard" ever produced.

One day it will be historic, for the reason that it represents Mr. Edison in the act of listening to his first perfected phonograph. This was at the end of a "three days' and three nights' vigil, when, after trying to produce the sounds of "S" and "N," he was finally successful, and the intent look on his face is indicative of the tremendous interest aroused at the result.

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PIONEER'S REMAINS LAID IN GOD'S ACRE

Funeral Yesterday of the Late Donald Mackay—Death of William Greasley.

The remains of the late Donald Mackay were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, 25 Quebec street, at 2 o'clock, a short service being conducted at the residence, after which the funeral cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 2:30, where further services were conducted by the Rev. W. L. Clay, and also at the grave. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral designs. The following acted as pallbearers: F. W. Vincent, J. H. Lawson, W. M. Allan, C. R. Nairne, H. D. Helmcken, K. C. D. R. Mackie.

The death occurred yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital of William Greasley, a native of Liverpool, Eng., aged 52 years. Deceased leaves a widow and two resident in this city, the latter being the wife of the well known pilot, Capt. Newby, from whose residence the funeral will take place at a date to be announced later.

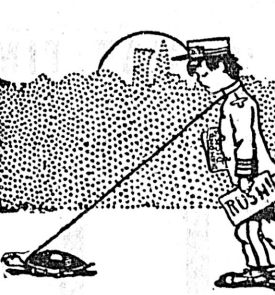
The funeral of the late Mrs. Austen will take place today from the family residence, Robert street, at 2:30 p. m., and at 3 o'clock from the Roman Catholic cathedral.

How the late Capt. S. F. Scott met his death is told in the following letter received by Capt. Locke from Capt. Burns, manager of the company with which Capt. Scott was engaged:

"Capt. Scott had been in my employ for the last five or six months as the master of the gasoline schooner Chetco. We arrived in Astoria last Monday and discharged part of our cargo, and then moved down to a lumber yard, discharging the lumber on Thursday. Capt. Scott spent the day up town going up about 9 o'clock, and started to return about 5 o'clock in the evening. He was riding on the Astoria railway track, which is mostly trestled, and as he was nearing the crossing the train came around the curve, and from all accounts the engineer thought he was going to be able to make the crossing, and would be off the trestle without having to check the train. But instead of that the captain slipped and fell, and became entangled in the ties, and the engineer could not stop his train in time to save him. I was notified of the accident a few minutes after it happened, and was soon on the spot. I found quite a crowd there, that he had been picked up, and that the people were doing all they could for him, but he was instantly killed. I had the driver and undertaker take charge of the remains, and started at once to find out about yourself and his relatives, which I have succeeded in doing. I have prepared the remains for shipment, according to your instructions. We were all very much attached to the captain, and sincerely regret the loss of him. Our heartfelt sympathy is with you and his relatives."

The body of Mrs. Senkler, who died in Vancouver on March 16, was taken to Brockville, Ont., for interment. She left three sons, E. C. Senkler, of Dawson, gold commissioner of the Yukon Territory; J. H. Senkler, Vancouver; and Dr. W. Ivan Senkler, Vancouver.

Kate—Tof is an easy-going fellow, isn't he?
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AUSTIN—At the family residence, Robert street, Victoria West, on the 22nd instant, Kate, the beloved wife of Mr. Henry Austin, a native of Ireland; aged 58 years.

The funeral will take place today (Friday) at 2:30 p. m., from the residence as above and at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 3 o'clock.

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GREASLEY—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 23rd inst., William Greasley, a native of Liverpool, England; aged 52 years.

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Notice of Amendment to Constitution.

At the regular meeting on the 6th April next, it will be proposed to amend the first clause of Article II. of the constitution and adopt the following in lieu thereof:

"Those who have resided at least twenty-five years in British Columbia and their male descendants of full age, shall be eligible for membership in the society."

By order, A. GRAHAM, Secretary.

Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held in Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, 28th inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the best way to celebrate Victoria Day. It is desired that a large number be present at this preliminary meeting. Chair taken promptly at 8 p. m.

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Nickel Plated Stand Lamps, central draft burners and decorated glass shades, regular price \$3.75 and \$4.00. Reduced to.....	2.00	Nickel Table Forks, regular price \$3.50. Reduced to.....	2.50
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LOCAL NEWS.

Court Columbia—On the conclusion of the usual meeting of Court Columbia, No. 334, C. O. P., yesterday evening, an interesting series of what games was played, a number of the members proving themselves adepts.

Legal Men To Meet—A meeting of the Victoria Bar Association has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon to arrange for the appointment of two new members for the law society for the ensuing year, and to discuss current business. The secretary asks that all members who can do so will attend.

The Knight's Honor—At this evening's meeting of Far West lodge, K. of P., the rank of knighthood will be conferred in the amplified form upon a number of candidates. The team have had several good reasons and the ceremony is expected to be very interesting.

Information Wanted—City Clerk Dowler is in receipt of a letter from Detroit, Mich., requesting any information available in this city as to the whereabouts of Mrs. William Stewart, widow of the late Gen. Stewart. If any Victorian can assist with information he is requested to advise Mr. Dowler.

Halibut—Capt. R. H. Ryan, who will take the management of the fishing station at Seaside, has returned from Seattle on Thursday. His visit to the Sound was for the purpose of gathering information about the halibut business as carried on by up-to-date Americans. In Seattle he spent several days in the largest salting and smoking establishments on the coast, and was given an opportunity to see every stage of the process of preparing fish for the Eastern market. He also engaged a man who has had twenty years' experience in the halibut business to take charge of the salting and smoking operations of the British Pacific Co. Capt. Johnstone, whose name was mentioned some time since as being connected with the B. P. Co., has lately severed his connection with the company.

Freight To Dawson—The White Pass & Yukon Railway has issued a special notice to freight shippers, regarding comments to points between White Horse and Dawson. This notice, which has been issued on account of the poor condition of the winter trail between White Horse and Dawson, announces that effective yesterday the freight rates mentioned in bulletin No. 15 will be cancelled, so far as they apply to shipments from British Columbia and Puget Sound ports to points between White Horse and Dawson. Now all shipments destined to points between White Horse and Dawson will be accepted subject to the same conditions as shipments from the White Pass & Yukon Railway, states that through navigation from White Horse to Dawson would probably not be open before June 1.

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Consort of Herald Street Woman Makes Murderous Attack With a Razor.

In the level of the sodden, lives John LaPlant, a French-Canadian bartender. He is one of a class notorious, even among the sodden—a consort of a fallen woman. Yesterday morning he made a desperate attack on the murderess woman, Minnie Williams, of 14 Herald street, by slashing her throat with a razor. She will live. Had she not fought desperately against the murderous attack—the two rooms of her dwelling in the district below the dead line being splashed with blood and traces of the struggle—her body would have been on a slab at the morgue, instead of at the hospital, and LaPlant would have been held at the city lock-up to answer to a charge of murder, instead of attempted murder.

LaPlant had been employed as bartender at a Wharf street hotel—such men as he live on the ill-gained earnings of women such as his victim usually endeavor to have an employment, this prevents them being arrested as vagrants. At an early hour yesterday morning he went to the woman's house—the disordered kitchen table with the remnants of a supper for two gave evidence of what he went for as a supper. He left afterwards and the woman retired.

About noon yesterday LaPlant returned and quarreled with the woman. He had been drinking, but was not drunk. In a fury he rushed the woman by her hair—it was hanging unkempt, she having got up when her paramour arrived. With a razor he slashed at her throat, she fighting, struggling to thrust him away, and grasping the razor which cut her fingers to the bone. LaPlant's rage saved the woman, for instead of cutting at the jugular he tore the flesh under the chin, and although there are a number of wounds at the throat and breast, none are fatal.

Furniture was knocked over, and carpet, curtains, everything in the two rooms of the shack splashed with blood and clotted hair, slashed by the weapon. Finally the woman, tripping in a blood-stained nightgown, made her way out of the back door and rushed across the alley to the house of a woman occupying No. 16 Herald street, shouting "Police—Murder." LaPlant did not follow her. He went to the Princess saloon. Constable Best was on Government street at this time, and a man told him of the cutting. He hurried to the scene, and at the door of the Princess saw a quantity of blood on the street. He then met LaPlant coming out with his hand bleeding; he had cut his forefinger on the razor, and it was bleeding profusely.

The constable arrested LaPlant, who admitted his guilt.
"Yes, I'm the man," he said, "I was just coming up."

Constable Best asked him where the woman was, and when the prisoner said she was in her house at 14 Herald street, the officer took his prisoner there. Constables Fry and J. Woods arrived about the same time, and Constable Handley also received a telephone message, and the woman was sent to St. Joseph's hospital in a hack. Her wounds were bleeding considerably. Dr. Frank Hall dressed the injuries, which he said were not fatal.

When searched at the lock-up the weapon, blood-stained, was found on LaPlant. He appeared sober and said to the jailer:

"I did this on the spur of the moment. He formerly lived in New Westminster and is said to have served a term for assault there. His victim came from New Westminster to Victoria, although she formerly hailed from the United States. She arrived here four months ago."

LEGAL NOTES.
Mr. Justice Martin Appoints Salvage in Vermont vs. Abbey Palmer.

In chambers yesterday, before Mr. Justice Martin, on the application of Constable R. H. Foster, the will of the late Sir Henry Crease was admitted to probate.

Mr. Justice Martin, judge in Admiralty, yesterday handed down a memorandum appointing the salvage in the case of the steamship Vermont vs. the Abbey Palmer as follows: To the owners, three-quarters of the amount of the award, \$5,500; to the master one-third of the remaining one-quarter; to the crew, the remaining two-thirds according to their rating.

The threatened action at law between the Victoria Kennel Club and Andrew Fairfull, to recover a silver cup won by the latter at the annual show, has been settled out of court. The trophy was presented by Mrs. Dunsmuir with the stipulation that it should be a perpetual prize. Mr. Fairfull was successful at the show last year, and when requested to do so refused to deliver the cup to the club secretary. He has now reconsidered his decision and the cup, which is for the best Irish setter on exhibition, will be offered for competition again this year.

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